

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following Claims 34-42.

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34. A multi-function interface for providing connectivity between a wireless network interface card (NIC) and a host computer, comprising:

a communication port configured to transmit data between the wireless NIC and the host computer; and

a status port configured to provide status information to the host computer while the wireless NIC is transmitting data to a remote device.

35. The multi-function interface of Claim 34 wherein the status port is further configured to provide status information to the host computer while the host computer communicates with the wireless NIC.

36. The multi-function interface of Claim 34 wherein the status port is further configured to provide status information to the host computer while the wireless NIC is receiving data from the remote device.

37. The multi-function interface of Claim 34 wherein the status port is further configured to provide status information to the host during a time when there is no wireless network connection between the wireless NIC and the remote device.

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38. The multi-function interface of Claim 37 wherein the status information comprises a connection status of the wireless network connection.

39. The multi-function interface of Claim 37 wherein the status information comprises an operational condition of the wireless NIC.

40. The multi-function interface of Claim 34 wherein the status information comprises a connection status of a wireless network connection between the remote device and the wireless NIC.

41. The multi-function interface of Claim 40 wherein said status of the wireless network connection includes an indication of signal strength.

42. The multi-function interface of Claim 34 wherein the status information comprises an operational condition of the wireless NIC.
